

# APPEALING DEATH TOLL IN NEW HAVEN TRAIN HORROR

## Government Awaits Confirmation of Report of Villa's Death

### WEATHER REPORT

OKLAHOMA—Sunday fair, Monday unsettled, cooler.  
TULSA, April 18.—Temperature: maximum 64, minimum 51; southwest winds and clear. Precipitation .03 inch.

## TULSA



## WORLD

### PROSPERITY TALK

Oklahoma's largest bank, situated at Tulsa, increased its capital from \$250,000 to \$500,000 yesterday. Actual prosperity of its depositors was responsible for this.

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## Body of Man Said to Be Villa on 2-Day Trip From Desert to Chihuahua City

Officials Skeptical of Bandit's Death, Although Fact That He Was Last Seen Heading in Direction of Borja Lends Color to Rumor.

### NO INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO INVESTIGATE

War Department Will Accept Formal Declaration by Carranza That Villa Has Been Killed and Will Order the Recall of All Troops.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Confirmation of the death of Francisco Villa still was lacking tonight both at the state and war departments and at the Mexican embassy. The only dispatch from American sources in Mexico tending to lend color to the report was a brief statement from Major Howze of the Eleventh cavalry, now near Parral, that he had information which led him to believe that the bandit and a small party of his followers had fled some days ago toward Borja, which is close to the place where unofficial Mexican reports say the body was found. The outstanding feature of the day's messages from the border were reports to the war department that six Mexicans who confessed to having taken part in the raid on Columbus, N. M., had been captured and sent to Columbus for trial by the New Mexico state authorities. Another official report relieved anxiety as to the supply problem for the troops at the front. It said the forces now were fully supplied with the exception of a small shipment of horse shoes and clothing, which would go forward tomorrow. An ample supply of gasoline was on hand, the message said, for the motor trucks and aeroplanes. The body supposed to be that of Villa was said by the last Mexican reports to be en route to Chihuahua City. It was pointed out at the war department, however, that the point where it was found was nearly two days journey by wagon from the railroad. That may account for delay in obtaining confirmation or denial of the report that the bandit's career has ended.

No Instructions. If General Funston and General Pershing have taken any steps to make certain the identification of the body they have done so on their own initiative. No instructions to that end have been sent from Washington either to consuls or military commanders.

This fact may be significant of the attitude of the state department. It was intimated today that the United States government might be willing to accept a formal declaration from Carranza that Villa had been killed and order the recall of the troops.

Senator Stone, chairman of the senate relations committee, after a brief conference today with Secretary Baker expressed the opinion that Carranza authorities hardly could have any object in circulating a report of Villa's death unless they believed it to be true. He agreed with Secretary Baker and other officials, however, in accepting the reports of the finding of Villa's body with utmost caution. Mr. Baker took no pains to hide his doubts, although he expressed fervent hopes that it should prove true.

May Have Clashes. It is admitted generally that every day the troops remain in Mexico increases the possibility of serious clashes. While there has been no evidence of any disposition to the movements of the American forces by military or civil officials of the de facto government, the Parral incident has served as a warning that the civil population and even the troops cannot always be controlled by the in command. The attack on Major Tompkins' command at Parral came after cordial relations had been established with the Carranza military commander there. The Mexican government's best efforts were unavailing to curb the disturbers, many of whom were said to be his own soldiers. It is known that the Washington government would gladly withdraw the troops tomorrow if it could consider the object of the expedition accomplished.

In some quarters the suggestion was made that reports of Villa's death might have been circulated for the effect on the Mexican people and that they were not intended to reach beyond the border. It was pointed out that it would add to the estimation in which Carranza military chieftains are held by their own people if they were able to show the body as proof that the American expedition was unnecessary.

Secretary Lansing would not discuss the status of the negotiations with the de facto government over the recall of the troops. It was indicated, however, that official information as to the Parral incident still was too meager to serve as a basis for reply to General Carranza's message about it. Secretary Lansing replied to both the note and the message were yet to be drafted.

No Negotiations. It was thought possible, however, that instructions had been sent to Special Agent Rodgers, Mexico City, communicating through him to the de facto government the willingness of the United States to enter into the negotiations for the recall of the troops proposed by General Carranza. The secretary would neither deny nor affirm that suggestion.

### Honor Roll of Men Who Fell Fighting in Mexican Desert

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 17.—Following are the names of the dead and wounded in the action at Parral:

Dead. SERGEANT JOE HOGUELEY. PRIVATE HERBERT LEDFORD.

Wounded. MAJ. FRANK TOMPKINS. LIEUT. JAMES B. ORD. CORP. BENJAMIN MCGILL. CORP. W. E. WILLINGHAM. PRIVATE RICHARD TAUNOUS. PRIVATE L. M. SHEDYER.

In addition Private Charles Bichenberger was reported missing. With the exception of Lieutenant Ord, of the Sixth Infantry, all belong to the Thirtieth cavalry. Corporal Taunous' injury is the only one reported as serious.

## FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTS VON PAPEN

3 Others Included in Charge of Plotting to Blow Up Welland Canal.

Indictment Held in Abeyance in Case He Should Return to U. S.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Capt. Franz von Papen, recalled military attaché to the German embassy at Washington, was indicted by the federal grand jury here today as the organizer and financier of an alleged conspiracy to blow up the Welland canal in Canada. With him also were indicted Capt. Hans Tauscher, alleged agent of the Krupp in the United States and husband of Mme. Johanna Gaski, the prima donna; Constantine Gowan, Alfred J. Fritzen and another man whose name has not been revealed. It was learned from a reliable source that the last named is a prominent German whose name has been mentioned frequently in connection with pro-German propaganda. His arrest is expected tomorrow. Federal officials do not expect to bring von Papen to trial. While he

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### WILSON WOULD FIGHT ONLY FOR HUMANITY

WASHINGTON, April 17.—In an address welcoming the daughters of the American Revolution gathered here today for their annual congress, President Wilson declared that the only excuse America ever can have for the assertion of her physical force is that she asserts it in behalf of humanity. He was speaking of the purpose of the republic born to serve the rest of the world just as much as itself—and had said that the nation will have forgotten her traditions when she fights merely for herself under such circumstances as will show she has forgotten to fight for all mankind.

### TIRES OF TRAMPING; SAYS HE'S CONVICT

SPECIAL TO THE WORLD. SAPULPA, Okla., April 17.—LeRoy Mitchell, who told Sheriff Wilder that he is an escaped convict from Oklahoma, Mississippi, gave himself up here today. Mitchell said he escaped from a convict's camp in the summer of 1912. "I'm tired of tramping over the country and I'd rather go back to the camp where at least a fellow gets three square meals a day," Mitchell told Sheriff Wilder. He was placed in the county jail, pending word from authorities at Oklahoma.

### The 1916 Oklahoma Durbar

There seems to be an impression in some circles that the far-famed Oklahoma durbar has been abandoned. Just how such a report should have gotten abroad is hard to determine. In view of the huge success of last year's durbar and the determination of Tulsans to make it an annual affair that in future years it will be as big a thing as the Mardi Gras is for New Orleans.

The durbar will not be abandoned; it is fully to even think of giving it up after all the effort and money that has been spent by patriotic citizens to perpetuate it as a strictly Tulsa institution.

Some argue that on account of the grand opera engagements this fall the durbar should be foregone for one season. But the durbar and grand opera are two entirely separate matters. The opera comes in October, while the durbar must be held a month earlier. To a large extent each affair will appeal to an absolutely different class of people. Essentially the durbar is a poor man's celebration. It is rich in its pageantry, but at the same time it is free; it can be appreciated equally by the poor and by the wealthy. It is the greatest institution of its kind in Oklahoma and draws thousands of visitors to the city.

A prominent Tulsan who is in the east on business heard that the durbar had been "abandoned" this year in "favor of" grand opera, and following is an excerpt from a letter that he wrote to The World:

"Tulsa has never had anything more beneficial and more successful than the last two durbars, and to make them still more beneficial they must be made annual. We have a reputation for giving a good celebration and I know of nothing that would be more short-sighted than failing to make it an annual event. As I have often said, New Orleans would be little heard of were it not for their annual celebration, and there is no reason why Tulsa cannot become equally famous. The grand opera company, giving a performance in a comparatively small enclosure, will interest only a certain class of people. While it is sure to be a splendid performance, bringing in a large crowd of people and will no doubt repay the guarantors 100 per cent, it cannot, for a moment, take the place of the durbar as a source of both advertising and income to the city at large. Those who underwrote the grand opera company, and I am one of them, will get the amounts of their guarantors back from the receipts, so really it is not going to cost them anything, and they can well afford to contribute the small amount that will be necessary to finance the durbar. Last year the durbar funds were handled in great shape and the balance in the treasury after all expenses had been paid was sent back on a pro rata basis to the donors. I was one who received a check of this kind and I am strong for the annual durbar."

COMPLETE SHAKEUP OF AVIATION CORPS Court-Martial and Censure of Officers Superinduces Reorganization.

### COMPLETE SHAKEUP OF AVIATION CORPS

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Creation of a separate army corps for the aviation distinct from the signal corps was forecast by Secretary Baker today in announcing a general shakedown of the flying branch of the army by the president and the war department, as a result of the recent investigation of the aviation service. If this plan is followed it will pave the way to the addition of battle aircraft to the scouting and message-bearing aeroplanes now used.

Recommendations of the court-martial which tried Lieutenant-Colonel Lewis E. Goodier, judge advocate of the western department, were approved, as were those of a special board of officers appointed to inquire into the whole question of discipline and conduct of the aviation section of the signal corps. The following steps were taken:

Colonel Goodier was censured by President Wilson as commander in chief of the army, for having failed to observe the attitude which his officers and seniority of rank required him to observe among junior officers.

Secretary Baker censured Brigadier-General George P. Scriven, chief signal officer of the army, for his failure personally to supervise the disciplinary features of aviation corps administration.

Reliable Officer. Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Reber, chief of the aviation section signal corps, was relieved from that duty and censured by Secretary Baker for "reliable officer."

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## Thirty or More Are Killed in Express Train Crash

No Hard Feeling by the Carranza Gove't Toward U. S., Says Envoy



WASHINGTON, April 17.—According to Elisio Arredondo, General Carranza's representative here, the note to the American state department asking for the withdrawal of American troops from Mexican soil, is in no sense an "ultimatum" or a "demand." It is characterized rather as a request for negotiations looking to the withdrawal of the United States troops and the taking over of the hunt for Villa by Carranza's forces. Whether Villa is dead or not, the Carranza government feels, says the Mexican embassy, that "the object of the punitive expedition has been accomplished," in that the bandit's band of followers has been scattered and that the Carranza forces are now able to finally exterminate the bandits.

## SCHOOL PRIMARIES TO BE HELD TODAY

Three Candidates for Each of Three Vacancies on the Board.

### WOMEN ARE ELIGIBLE OVER THREE ROADS

One Member of Fair Sex Is in the Race; Final Election Later.

SIX of nine graduates for places on the board of education will be nominated at the primary election to be held in Tulsa today. The voting places will be the same as in the city election on April 4, with the addition of a poll in Kendall. Kendall is a part of the school district, and although residents of the suburb cannot participate in municipal elections they are entitled to vote in a school election.

The members of the board whose terms expire this term are H. D. Mason, A. A. Bunker and O. H. P. McDaniel. McDaniel is the only member who is a candidate for re-election. Opposing him are Dr. J. M. Temples and A. H. Craver.

For director number two the candidates are Humane Agent A. M.

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### COME WEST, YOUNG MAN.

Large Smelter to Open; Will Furnish Occupation for 300 Men.

SPECIAL TO THE WORLD. QUINTON, Okla., April 15.—Contracts have just been signed whereby Quinton is to become the location for a five-block smelter which, when completed, will furnish employment to 300 men. The Quinton Smelter company, capitalized at \$125,000 and headed by J. G. Starr of Joplin, Mo., president, is the name of the new concern. Construction work is to be started next week.

Art Bill Passes Wilson. WASHINGTON, April 17.—President Wilson today signed the bill incorporating the American academy of arts and letters, which includes in its membership Mr. Wilson, former President Roosevelt and other authors, publicists and artists.

Can't Segregate Negroes. ST. LOUIS, April 17.—The enforcement of the negro segregation ordinance of St. Louis was enjoined by the federal district court here today.

New Money Unit. BERLIN, April 17.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—The Turkish government has introduced the gold standard with the gold piaster as the monetary unit, the Overseas News agency says.

Gilt-Edge Express Drives Into Rear of Standing Local at Bradford, R. I.; Early Details Meager, One Report Putting List of Fatalities as High as 50.

## BOILER EXPLODES SETTING CARS ON FIRE

Seven Cars Now Burning While List of Dead and Unaccounted for Growing; Wrecking Crews on Scene Working to Rescue Many Pinned Under.

BULLETIN: PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 17.—The Gilt-Edge Express, Boston to New York, ran into the rear end of train No. 623, a local running from Boston to New London, at Bradford, R. I., station early tonight. The local had stopped at Bradford station and the flyer crashed into it. Early reports here said that fifty have been killed, some of the cars were burned.

BULLETIN: WESTERLY, R. I., April 17.—At least twelve persons were reported killed and more than thirty hurt, according to the first stories from the wreck of the Gilt-Edge Express. The boiler of the engines exploded, setting six cars on fire and wrecking the station.

BULLETIN: WESTERLY, R. I., April 17.—Out of thirty-seven passengers in the coach that was burned only seven had been accounted for. Many bodies of dead have been recovered, it was reported here.

BULLETIN: WESTERLY, R. I., April 17.—A wrecking crew has arrived on the scene and is working desperately to clear away the wreckage and save the many who are pinned beneath.

BULLETIN: WESTERLY, R. I., April 17.—Thirty or more persons are said to have been burned to death in the wreck of the Gilt-Edge Express at Bradford, R. I., tonight.

BRADFORD, R. I., April 17.—Thirty or more persons were reported to have been crushed or burned to death in a collision of trains on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad here tonight. The accident occurred at 7:30 o'clock and four hours later wrecking and hospital crews were said to have recovered thirty bodies.

The dead were in the rear car of a four-coach local train bound from Boston to New London and which had stopped at the local station when it was run down by the Gilt-Edge express, bound from Boston for New York.

This coach was telescoped, set afire and burned. The car ahead also took fire and the flames communicated to the passenger station and freight house, destroyed both buildings. It was stated that there were known to have been 37 persons in the destroyed car and that only six of these had been accounted for several hours later.

## MAY STRIKE SNAG IN OSAGE LEASES

Congress Will Probably Call Indian Office to Task for Action.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—An explosion on the floor of senate and house is looked for within the next ten days over the action of the Indian office in insisting that the Osage tribal council execute new oil leases in Osage nation, which, it is alleged, may mean a loss of millions to the Indians in oil royalties.

It is practically certain that the department may be called upon to offer explanations to congress and it is possible that the delivery of new leases may be held up indefinitely. Chief A-She-Gah-Itha today finished attaching his thumb mark to 5,799 Osage oil and gas leases, which are made in quadruplicate, but it is understood that Secretary Lane has agreed not to approve the new leases until after the "scheduled" sale of sixteen thousand acres of developed oil acreage on April 29.

Osage Superintendent J. George Wright and W. A. Williams, petroleum technologist of the bureau of mines, have returned to Pawhuska to conduct the sale next Tuesday. The impression prevails among members of the Osage council that the sale of producing oil properties of the Barnsdall Oil company, the Gypsy company and others, will attract but few bidders and that no sales may be made. In the event the properties are not sold the Osage council will consider the proposition submitted by T. N. Barnsdall of Pittsburgh to pay a cash bonus of \$500,000 and a one-fifth royalty, if given his developed oil holdings and one hundred thousand acres of undeveloped leases.

Consider Brandeis' Appointment. WASHINGTON, April 17.—The nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the supreme court was considered again today by the senate judiciary committee, but no action was taken. Another meeting will be held Wednesday. There are indications that the nomination may be reported to the senate without recommendation.

Test Aeroplanes. WASHINGTON, April 17.—Acting Secretary Newton of the treasury department announced today that he had decided to test the availability of aeroplanes as coast guard service auxiliaries in locating derelicts and vessels in distress. A high-powered aeroplane will be turned over to the coast guard service at Norfolk next week.